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Polcouns delivered points in reftel and letter of invitation to Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) South and West Asia Branch Assistant Secretary Lachlan Strahan on September 19. Dr. Strahan thanked us for the invitation and said that Foreign Minister Stephen Smith intends to attend the meeting (according to Strahan, Smith has characterized Australia's participation is "imperative") and has requested the Embassy in Washington and the Australian Mission in New York to coordinate with the Department and USUN respectively.

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